Chapter 9: The Terrifying Kaiju Fest

ULTRA BAKUON FEST

SPREE KILLER'S ABOUT TO START!

THRASHER

わくわく WAKU WAKU (PUMPED)

GRAB US A SPOT.

I'M GONNA HIT THE JOHN.

YUP!

I SNAGGED A FENCE SPOT! LUCKY ME!

COCKTAIL R.G. LOUNGE

MINAMI-KUN!

YOU CHANGED!?

AKAISHI-SAN.

OH... OHHH!

I GOT OFF WORK EARLY, SO I THOUGHT I'D WATCH TOO.

WHERE DID THE OTHER GUY GO?

KOU-TAROU? THE BATH-ROOM.

HE'LL BE BACK SOON.

...I SEE.

WILL YOU BE OKAY THIS CLOSE TO THE FRONT?

IT'LL PROBABLY GET SUPER PACKED ...

IT'S FINE. I'M USED TO IT.

.....I SEE.

WAKU WAKU

I GO TO CONCERTS WITH KOUTAROU ALL THE TIME!

THRASHER

GAH!

DON (WHUMP)

!!

SHUBA (VWIP)

M-MAYBE I WILL MOVE BACK A BIT!

GUI (TUG)

!?

!!!

WHERE'S KURO?

BIKI (KRIKL)

BIKI

DOKI (BADMP)

L-LET ME GO...

IT HURTS ...!

WHAT'S GOING ON!?

THAT LI'L BRAT...! TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE CROWD ...!

ZUN (TROMP)

ZUN

BUSHOAAAA (FWIIISH)

M-M-M-M-MINAMI-KUN...!?

MINAMI-KUN...!

JITA (KICK)

BATA (FLAIL)

BIKI

BIKI

BIKI

.....!!

BIKI

BIKI

I...I REALLY ...

... CAN'T ...!

.....

.....YOU CAN'T, HUH?

!

GU (SHF)

COCKTAIL R.G. LOUNGE

Hysteric Village ISLAND DREAMS

NUH...

NO, UH—!!

NOT IN THAT WAY...!!

...THEN WHY?

WHY IS IT DIFFERENT WITH ME?

YOU ALWAYS SEEM UNCOM-FORTABLE.

...YOU'RE RESTLESS WHEN WE'RE TOGETHER, AND YOU KEEP GLANCING AROUND.

YOU AVOID EYE CONTACT ...

...WHEN I SAW THE WAY YOU WERE WITH THAT GUY, IT HIT ME.

I THOUGHT IT WAS BECAUSE YOU WERE SHY, BUT...

AGAIN...

I GAVE HIM THE WRONG IDEA AGAIN...

KOUTAROU'S LIKE AN UNCLE TO ME, SO...

...IT'S REALLY... NOTHING LIKE THAT AT ALL...

I HAVE TO PUT IT INTO WORDS PROPERLY.

CALM DOWN, BODY ...!

I KEEP AVOIDING YOU 'COS—

...!

BIRI (RIP)

YEAH!

I'M SORRY, AKAISHI-SAN!

I...

.....

GYUUUUN (SCREEEEEE)

HAH!

THEY'RE ON!

TA (TMP)

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I CAN'T LOOK MINAMI-KUN IN THE EYE.

BUT IT'S NOT BECAUSE I DON'T LIKE HIM.

WHEN I'M ALONE WITH HIM, I START ACTING WEIRD.

I'VE STARTED TO ENJOY THINKING ABOUT TOMORROW.

THIS SMELLS NICE...

I BOUGHT EXPENSIVE SHAMPOO...

...AND WORKED UP THE COURAGE TO GO INTO CLOTHING STORES THAT WEREN'T MY STYLE.

THAT OUTFIT SUITS YOU.

I EVEN CRIED WHEN THE FIRST COOKIES I EVER BAKED TASTED AWFUL...

UGH!

GRAAA!!

...I LOVE MINAMI-KUN!!

AND IT'S ALL 'COS ...

IT'S HARU-GON!!

ZUN (WHUD)

ARE YOU FRIGGIN' KIDDING ME...?

KUROOO!!

AKAISHI-SAAAN!!

WHERE'D YOU GO!?

HAH!

!

FOR NOW, GET YOURSELF TO SAFETY!

YEAH, I KNOW.

AKAISHI-SAN'S—

ZU

EEEEK!!

AAAH!!

RUUUUUN!!

AAAGH!

EEEK!

COCKTAIL

HEY!!

BA (FWIP)

WHADDAYA THINK YOU'RE DOING!?

FU (FSHO)

I'LL LOOK FOR HER! YOU HURRY UP AND—

WHERE DID YOU GO, AKAISHI-SAN...?

GRRR

GRRRRRRRRR

BEK (SNAP)

BEK!

WHICH IS IT...?

RUN.

DON'T MOVE ...

ZUN (SNIFF)

MINAMI-KUN...

...EVEN WHEN I'M LIKE THIS...?

CHIRA (GLANCE)

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IS IT OKAY TO TELL YOU HOW I FEEL...

BARA

BARA

BARA

BARA (TWO)

BARA

BARA

HUH?

GRRRR...

THEY'RE HERE... THOSE PESTS.

GADAN (EMPTY)

...HUH!?

LEAVE ME ALONE!!

...WAS JUST LIKE THE REST OF THEM .....?

SO MINAMI-KUN...

WAAAAH!!

HFF!

HFF!

KURO'S PROBABLY IN THERE TOO.

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HURRY UP, MOVE IT!!

EEEEK

WE'RE GONNA GET CRUSHED!!

PEOPLE ARE MOBBING THE GATES. NOBODY'S GETTING THROUGH THEM ANYMORE.

...IF IT HEADS OVER THERE, WE'LL HAVE A TRAGEDY ON OUR HANDS.

FOR NOW, THE JSDF IS DISTRACTING THE KAIJU, BUT...

DON'T PUSH!

HEY!!

...AND LURE THE KAIJU AWAY FROM THE CROWD!

I'LL ACT AS BAIT...

HUH!?

...

.....YOU OKAY?

DID YOU GET HIT?

NO, I'M SERIOUS.

IT MIGHT BE TRYING TO TELL ME SOME-THING.

...AND THEN IT LEAVES LIKE IT'S RUNNING AWAY.

THAT KAIJU ALWAYS GAZES AT ME...

...I WAS RIGHT BY ITS FEET BOTH TIMES.

...AND WHEN IT SHOWED UP AT MY SCHOOL .....

WHEN HARUGON FIRST APPEARED IN TOKYO...

I DON'T CARE!

YOU'LL GET STOMPED FLAT, AND THE WHOLE WORLD WILL THINK YOU'RE AN IDIOT.

IT'S ALL IN YOUR HEAD! DON'T DO IT!

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THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO TELL AKAISHI-SAN TOO.

GRAOOO

OOUGH!

ZUN (WHUD)

MINAMI-KUN!

MINAMI-KUN, WHERE ARE YOU?

I DON'T WANT TO RAMPAGE AROUND LIKE THIS, BUT I CAN'T STOP.

BEKI (CRUNCH)

BEKI

EVEN MY HEART IS BECOMING LIKE A KAIJU'S...

HFF!

HFF!

GRAOOURR!

AHHH... IF THIS WAS HOW IT WAS GOING TO BE...

...I WISH I'D TOLD HIM HOW I FELT RIGHT THEN AND THERE.

CAN I EVEN... GO BACK TO BEING HUMAN ...?

The kaiju has stopped moving!

Have the attacks finally begun working !!?

The worst-case scenario seems to have been averted!

Everyone is exchanging looks of relief...

AND

GOOOURGH!

MINAMI!

BA (FWIP)

THIS ISN'T GOOD!

QUIT WORRY-ING!

I'VE NEVER ONCE LOOKED AT KURO AS A WOMAN.

...OBVIOUSLY.

YOU BETTER COME BACK.

DON'T YOU DARE MAKE KURO CRY!

...YES, SIR!

HARUGON!

For now, we're pulling back as well!

Due to the crowd, the JSDF is unable to open fire.

The kaiju has begun its rampage again!!

I'M SORRY...

...FOR RUNNING AWAY BACK THERE.

GRRR...

YOU HAVE...

...SOME SORT OF BUSINESS WITH ME, DON'T YOU?

AHHHH!!

AHHHH!!

AHHHH!!

...!

HIRA (FLUTTER) ひら…

JUST A MOMENT, HARU-GON!

BARA (THP)

BARA

BARA

THAT BOY IS MY FRIEND!

LET HIM GO, WON'T YOU!?

BASAA (FLAP)

YOU CAN STOMP ME FLAT IN HIS PLACE! ♡♡

MANATSU-SAN!?